are undetaken; (v) State Government proposes to open adult education centres, medical and health care units for Devadasis in each district.

MAHARASHTRA: (i) Financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- is given for the marriage of Devadasis or their daughters; (ii) There are vocational training centres and hostels for boys and girls of Devadasis in some places.

जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम को सहायता उपलब्ध कराने हेतु राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान दल

1284. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान तथा प्रशिक्षण परिषद् ने जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम को सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु एक राष्ट्रीय संसाधन दल का गठन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान तथा प्रशिक्षण परिषद् द्वारा कितने जिलों को शैक्षणिक सहायता देने का विचार है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग में) राज्य मंत्री (डा० कृपासिंधु भोई): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) यह सहायता किसी विशेष राज्य अथवा जिले तक सीमित नहीं है बल्कि सम्पूर्ण कार्यक्रम के लिए है।

Misuse of Funds Meant for Welfare Schemes

1285. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases about misuse of funds meant for the poor, under various welfare schemes have been brought to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government against the officials, etc. who have misused the funds thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Welfare is implementing a number of schemes/programmes for the welfare of the poor relating to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs and Minorities through the State Government and also the NGOs. Complaints have been received regarding misuse of funds by NGOs receiving grant-in-aid from this Ministry. The details of the complaints received during the last three years and the action taken thereon are given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below)

After in-depth monitoring and discussion of various programmes of this Ministry particularly relating to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, it has come to the notice that funds released are not being promptly and properly passed on to the implementing agencies and proper utilisation of the same is also not being ensured by some of the State Governments. For instance, it came to the notice in October, 1994 that Rajasthan SC and STs Finance and Development Cooperative Corporation advanced Rs. 20 crores meant for SC development to Rajasthan State Electricity Board. On receiving the information of diversion of Rs. 20 crores by Rajasthan SC and STs Finance and Development Cooperative Corporation to Rajasthan State Electricity Board, further release of SCA to SCP for 94-95 to the State Government was stopped and the State Government was asked to clarify the position of utilisation of the funds. The State Government of Rajasthan confirmed that the State SC and STs FDCC had advanced the said amount to the State Electricity Board in April, 1994 and the Electricity Board returned said amount to the Corporation in October, 1994. As per the latest information furnished by the State Government, the entire amount has now been utilised by the State SC and STs FDCC for the development of SCs.

Similarly, it came to the notice of the government that Bihar Government has

not utilised Rs. 70.50 crores released to it as SCA to SCP during the period 1990-91 to 1993-94. Release of SCA to SCP to Government of Bihar was stopped from 1994-95. The State Government was asked to release the entire amount of unutilised balance lying in State Civil Deposits, to the implementing agencies which are implementing various welfare and development schemes for SCs. The State Government was also informed that no further grant under SCA to SCP would be provided till they utilise the entire amount for the development of SCs.

Statement

The details of Complaints Received during the last three years against NGOs receiving grants-in-aid from Ministry of Welfare Regarding Misuse of funds and action taken report

S.No.	Name of the Organisation	Year	State	Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Akhil Bhartiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, New Delhi (Branch Unit, Bankura, West Bengal)	1993-94	W.B.	The complaint was got enquired into by Director, National Commission for SCs/STs, Calcutta. The Inspectiong Officer in his report had not pointed out any specific case of mis-appropriation. However, the report mentioned that out of the approved amount of Rs. 6,31,170/- Rs. 3,37,623/- was spent for the construction of school building. The Ministry asked for clarification from the Organisation has since been fully constructed and the funds utilised. The Ministry has requested Director, National Commission for SCs/STs, Calcutta to conduct a fresh inspection in the light of the clarifications given by the organisation. Further grants has not been released.
2.	Akhil Bhartiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, New Delhi (Branch Unit, Gurarat)	1993-94	Gujarat	The gist of the Inspection Report was conveyed to the Organisation and reply received from them was examined. Based on the reply by the organisation, the State Govt. was requested to conduct inspection once again and send their report. Working of one balwadi was found to be satisfactory and grant in respect of that balwadi was released.

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Iswar Saran Ashram, Allahabad, U.P.	1994-95	U.P.	The Govt. of U.P. has been requested to conduct the enquiry as major portion of the complaint relates to financial assistance given by the State Govt.
4.	Sarvajanik Sikshonayan Sansthan, Hardoi.	1994-95	U.P.	The complaint has already been enquired to by the Govt. of India. Later the complaintant has withdrawn the complaint.
5.	Swargiya Tapaswar Ram Kalyan Samiti, Mau, U.P.	1994-95	U.P.	The complaint is being examined.
6.	Mukti Sangram Sangh, Delhi.	1994-95	Delhi	The Organisation has been asked to rectify the irregularities in the payment of stipend and training materials to the trainees.
7.	Shoshan Unmoolan Parishad, Delhi.	1994-95	Delhi	As per the preliminary enquiry conducted, the complaint was found false.
8.	Samaj Seva Sangh, Delhi.	1994-95	Delhi	The Matter has been referred to Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
9.	Prakasam Zilla Balaheena Vargala Colonyvarala Seva Sangham, Prakasam, A.P.	1994-95	A.P.	Enquiry was conducted by this Ministry and the complaint was found false.
10.	People's Organisation for Welfare Employment and Rural Development, Bhubaneswar,	1994-95	Orissa	In connection with the allegations against the organisation case no. 20 dated 16.2.95, U/S 468/406/477-A/34 IDC has been registered in the Kamadhyanagar P.S. in Orissa and is under investigation. As per the request of the State Govt. further grants have not been released.
		1995-96		
		NIL		